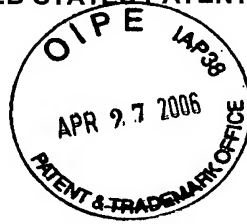


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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to: respond to the Official Action dated December 27, 2005

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